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B. ISLAMABAD 1066 (NOTAL)

1. INTRODUCTION. FOLLOWING IS THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSION
REPORT ON NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES COVERING THE PERIOD JULY-
DECEMBER 1974. THIS WAS A PERIOD OF ORGANIZATION AND
REASSESSMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN (GOP) IN ITS
NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES. THE MISSION PRESENTED THE CONCEPT
OF A LIMITED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RELATED TO NARCOTICS
CONTROL TO THE GOP DURING THIS PERIOD BUT THE GOP HAS
NOT YET RESPONDED. NO OTHER NEW PROGRAMS WERE DEVELOPED
BUT EQUIPMENT BEGAN ARRIVING IN COUNTRY UNDER A PROGRAM
DEVELOPED PRIOR TO THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE MISSION
TEAM HAS PRESSED STAONGLY TO SECURE ADEQUATE RECEPTION

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FACILITIES FOR THIS INCOMING EQUIPMENT. END INTRODUCTION.

2. SECTION A.

A. NO AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING THE PERIOD.

B. OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES. OBLIGATIONS NIL
DURING THE PERIOD. EXPENDITURES FOLLOW:

(1) PERSONNEL - N/A
(2) EQUIPMENT - EXPENDITURES REPORTED THROUGH
12/31/74: \$381,818.

(3) CONTRACT SERVICES - N/A
(4) OTHER - N/A
(5) TRAINING 0 - N/A

C. EQUIPMENT. (TRANSMITTED AS PART II. SEE REF B,
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D. THERE WERE NO SUPPORT COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE DIRECTLY
TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS AND PROJECTS.

E. TRAINING. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) CONDUCTED
AN IN-COUNTRY BASIC TRAINING COURSE DURING THE PERIOD
JULY 22 THROUGH AUGUST 8, 1974. A DEA TEAM CONSISTING OF
FIVE PERSONS FROM THE UNITED STATES TRAINED 50 PAKISTANI
STUDENTS. MOST OF THE STUDENTS WERE YOUNG OFFICERS
WITHOUT PRIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE BEING HIRED
BY PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (PNCB) FOR THE
FIELD INVESTIGATIVE UNITS (FIUS). ALSO, FOUR PAKISTANI
MEDICAL OFFICERS WERE TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES AT A
REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS COURSE. COST INFORMATION
FOR BOTH PROGRAMS TO BE SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON.

F. PERSONNEL. DEA HAS THREE AGENTS AND TWO SECRETARIES
PRESENTLY STATIONED IN PAKISTAN DEVOTING 100 PERCENT OF
TIME TO NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

3. SECTION B.

A. SUMMARY. JULY-DECEMBER 1974 COULD BEST BE
CHARACTERIZED AS A PERIOD OF REASSESSMENT AND ORGANIZATION
WITHIN THE GOP NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ESTABLISHMENT. TWO
QUICK CHANGES OF PNCB CHAIRMEN IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND
EARLY WITHIN THIS PERIOD, UNFORESEEN POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS
FROM LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS OF POPPY CULTIVATORS IN THE
NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) AND AFGHAN EFFORTS TO
FOMENT PAKHTOONISTAN SENTIMENT IN THE FRONTIER CAUSED
A SLOW-DOWN IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES BY THE PNCB.
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COMPOUNDING THE DIFFICULTY, THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE
PNCB MADE AN EXTENSIVE TOUR IN EUROPE DURING THE LATTER
PART OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH TIME EVEN ROUTINE
HOUSEKEEPING DECISIONS WERE NOT MADE BY OTHER OFFICIALS.
FURTHER, PNCB OFFICIALS HAVE USED THE DECISION TO TRANSFER
THAT ORGANIZATION FROM THE PLANNING DIVISION OF THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (ENCOURAGED
BY THE MISSION) AS AN EXCUSE FOR LACK OF ACTIVITY, CITING
THE NEED TO REVIEW THE NEW STATUS AND RE-WRITE LAWS AND
REGULATIONS WHICH WERE NEARING THE FINISHED STAGE. SOME
RENEWED ACTIVITY IS PRESENTLY OBSERVABLE. FOR INSTANCE,
THE RUPEE BUDGET FOR FIUS FOR THE REMAINING SIX MONTHS HAS

BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOP. THE AMENDED LAW HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND SENT TO THE FEDERAL CABINET FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND ENACTMENT. UPON APPROVAL OF FIU BUDGET, THE PNCB ASKED ITS REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO START RECRUITMENT OF THE LOWER ECHELON STAFF AND TO LOOK FOR THE BUILDING SITES FOR FIUS. BUILDING PROPOSALS, HOWEVER, WILL GO THROUGH BUILT-IN BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS AS AUTHORITY TO LEASE A BUILDING HAS NOT BEEN DELEGATED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICES BY THE CENTRAL PNCB. THUS IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER ALL THE REPRESENTS ACTUAL MOVEMENT FORWARD OR ONLY ACTIVITY GENERATED BY PERSISTENT PRESSURE FROM THE MISSION TO GIVE ILLUSION OF FORWARD MOTION.

B. ABUSE. PAKISTAN HAS TRADITIONALLY CLAIMED THAT IT HAS NO NARCOTICS ABUSE PROBLEM. KNOWLEDGEABLE SPEAKERS WILL ADMIT HOWEVER THAT THIS STATEMENT APPLIES ONLY TO OPIUM USAGE AS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AS MUCH AS FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ADULT POPULATION HAS USED OR IS USING HASHISH. THE SMALL ACKNOWLEDGED OPIUM ABUSING POPULATION IS HANDLED THROUGH LEGAL SALES BY GOVERNMENT-LICENSED SHOPS. THERE IS IN SOME CIRCLES, AS EVIDENCED BY A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT, GROWING RECOGNITION THAT ABUSE OF HARD DRUGS MAY BE A GREATER PROBLEM THAN IS PRESENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY MOST PAKISTANIS. AS A RESULT OF A SCANDAL INVOLVING SALE OF ADULTERATED, ILLEGALLY MANUFACTURED ALCOHOL, THERE WAS A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IN THE KARACHI AREA ALLEGING WIDESPREAD MEMBERS OF ACADEMIA WHO ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION THE EXTENT OF NARCOTICS ABUSE IN PALISTAND AND INDICATING THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PERHAPS A SURVEY OF NARCOTICS USAGE WOULD BE USEFUL. THESE INDIVIDUALS NOTE SOME INCREASED USAGE AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND YOUTH. THEY ALSO NOTE THE VERY HIGH USAGE OF HASHISH AND A VARIETY OF STIMULANT/DEPRESSANTS AMONG THE TRANSPORT, BUS AND MINIBUS DRIVERS IN PAKISTAN.

C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING. USAID HAS CONTRACTED AN UPDATING OF ITS EARLIER STUDIES ON THE EXTENT OF POPPY CULTIVATION AND GENERAL OUTLOOK IN THE MAIN POPPY GROWING AREAS OF THE NWFP. THE PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES THAT CROP YEAR 1975 ACREAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. PRELIMINARY REASONS GIVEN INCLUDE HIGH PRICES OF FOOD CROPS IMPROVING THE INCOME COMPETITION STATUS OF OTHER CASH CROPS, A LOWER THAN EXPECTED PRICE RECEIVED FOR OPIUM GUM THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND A GENERAL LABOR SHORTAGE IN THE REGION.

ON PROCESSING," THE MISSION HAS JUST RECEIVED VERY BAD NEWS. SAMPLES OF A SUBSTANCE SUBMITTED BY A DEA CONTACT AND ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PRODUCED IN THE NWFP HAVE BEEN FOUND BY DEA LABORATORIES TO BE MORPHINE BASE. THIS

IS THE FIRST SEEMINGLY REAL EVIDENCE OF PROCESSING BEYOND THE OPIUM STAGE IN PAKISTAN. IF INVESTIGATIONS NOW UNDERWAY PROVE THE SUBSTANCE TO HAVE BEEN PRODUCED IN PAKISTAN, IT WILL INDICATE A SERIOUS INCREASE IN THE POTENTIAL FOR TRAFFIC IN OPIUM BASED PRODUCTS TO WESTERN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT INTELLIGENCE AND ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE PRODUCTION OF MORPHINE AND/OR HEROIN IN PAKISTAN FOR THE MISSION TO BELIEVE THAT THE SUBSTANCE TESTED WAS PRODUCED LOCALLY.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW MAJOR TRAFFICKING TRENDS DEVELOPED DURING THE SIX MONTHS REPORTING PERIOD. THE BULK OF OPIUM TRAFFIC IS STILL BELIEVED TO PASS INTO IRAN EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA AFGHANISTAN. INTELLIGENCE ON THE ROUTE SOUTH FROM THE NWFP INTO NORTHERN SIND PROVINCE AND FROM THERE ACROSS THE BORDER INTO INDIA HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DETAILED. THE MAJOR ROUTE FOR HASHISH CONTINUES TO BE TO KARACHI AND THEN OUTWARD BY SEA OR AIR. AT THE TIME OF A RECENT MAJOR SEIZURE, THE GOP PINPOINTED THE FINANCIER AND METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO THE SIND. THE METHOD OF TRANSPORT WAS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MODIFIED PETROLEUM TANK TRUCK. THE FINANCIER IS A RESIDENT WITHIN THE TRIBAL AREAS OF THE NWFP AND, THEREFORE, DUE TO HIS RESIDENCE BEING BEYOND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND THE ABSENCE OF CONSPIRACY LAWS IN PAKISTAN, REMAINS LEGALLY UNTOUCHABLE.

E. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION:
EFFECTIVE REGIONAL COOPERATION REMAINS MINIMAL. POLITICAL SITUATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN RULES OUT ANY EFFECTIVE WORKING LEVEL COOPERATION BETWEEN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. AN INFORMAL MEETING TOOK PLACE IN EARLY DECEMBER IN PESHAWAR INVOLVING PESHAWAR OFFICIALS OF THE PNCB, UN ADVISERS TO THE POLICE IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN, DEA SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE (SAICS) FROM ISLAMABAD AND KABUL AND EMBASSY ISLAMABAD NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER. DURING THIS THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING SOME IDEAS IN CURRENT INTELLIGENCE WERE EXCHANGED. HOWEVER, NO ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR DAILY WORKING LEVEL EXCHANGES. DEA COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WERE OFFERED AS A MEANS OF EXCHANGING INTELLIGENCE AND SOME USEFUL INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL. THE PNCB CONTINUES TO WORK WITHIN ITS EXISTING MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THIS FIELD WAS THE VISIT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB TO UN GENEVA DURING THE LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER AND EARLY DECEMBER. THE UN CONDUCTED A TRAINING COURSE IN PAKISTAN INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 80 TRAINEES IN THE LATTER HALF OF JANUARY, 1975. PLANNING ACTIVITIES CONTINUED AT A STEADY PACE FOR THE

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) PILOT
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN BUNIR.

F. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: HOST
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NARCOTICS CONTROL HAVE
CONTAINED MORE MOTION THAN SUBSTANCE DURING THE REPORTING
PERIOD. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BYROADE JUST
PRIOR TO THE REPORTING PERIOD, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
EXPLAINED WHY HE HAD HAD TO DIRECT A LOWER PROFILE FOR
NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES. BHUTTO SAID THAT THE PUB-
LIC ATTENTION DRAWN TO THE WORLDWIDE SHARTAGE OF OPIUM
FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES BY USDEL AT FEBRUARY, 1974 UN
MEETING HAD TAKEN THE HEAT OFF INTERNATIONALLY. DOMESTICALLY
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THE HEAT WAS VERY MUCH ON IN THE NWFP AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC
REACTION TO MASS ARRESTS OF OPIUM FARMERS COUPLED WITH POLITICAL
UNREST WHICH BHUTTO BELIEVED WAS FOMENTED FROM AFGHANISTAN
PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ADVENT OF DAUD TO POWER IN 1973.
SINCE THAT CONVERSATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE
CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL CLIMATE WITHN PAKISTAN WHICH
MIGHT ASSIST IN EXPEDITING NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.
BHUTTO'S POLITICAL BASE IN THAT PROVINCE HAS NOT GROWN TO THE
POINT WHERE HE FEELS HE CAN RETURN TO THE FORMER LEVEL OF ENFORCE-
MENT ACTIVITY. DURING THE VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF AMBASSADOR
VANCE AND OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS IN MID-NOVEMBER PRIOR
TO THE NEW DELHI REGIONAL MEETING OF NARCOTICS CONTROL
OFFICERS, AMBASSADORS BYROADE AND VANCE MET WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER. THE PRIME MINISTER REASSURED THE
AMBASSADORS OF HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN NARCOTICS CONTROL
AND AGAIN EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR HIS CAREFUL APPROACH
DOMESTICALLY. AMBASSADOR BYROADE PASSED ON A MISSIN
SUGGESTION THAT THE GOP CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF THE
PNCB FROM THE PLANNING DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHERE OTHER FEDERAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED. THIS TRANSFER WAS
ORDERED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE VISITORS FROM
WASHINGTON. THE TRANSFER SHOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL RESULTS
IN THAT THE HIGH LEVELS OF THE PARENT BUREAUCRACY OF THE PNCB WILL
NOW BE MORE FAMILIAR WITH POLICING ACTIVITIES AND, HOPEFULLY,
ABLE TO ASSURE BETTER COORDINATION WITH OTHER POLICE AGENCIES.

IN FOLLOW-UP TO THE VANCE VISIT, AMBASSADOR BYROADE,
DCM AND USAID DIRECTOR MET WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE
CABINET AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST. THE CABINET SECRETARY
HAD NO BACKGROUND ON NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BUT LISTENED
CAREFULLY TO A FULL REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROMISED
TO PROVIDE SOME ANSWERS. THE MISSION HAS NOT HEARD FUR-
THER FROM HIM. ON JANUARY 9, 1975 THE DCM AND USAID
DIRECTOR MET WITH BRIG. MALIK, WHO AS SECRETARY OF THE
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS NOW SENIOR, NONPOLITICAL.
OFFICIATECONTROLLING THE PNCB. AGAIN, ALL ASPECTS OF

THE NARKLTICS PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN WERE DISCUSSED INCLUD-
ING THE FIUS, LEGISLATION, ACREAGE CONTROLS, AERIAL
SURVEY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR TRAINEES.
BRIG. MALIK STATED THAT THE "BALL IS NOW IN MY COURT" AND
PROMISED TO GET BACK TO THE MISSION WITH ANSWERS BEFORE
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THE END OF JANUARY. THERE HAS TO DATE BEEN NO RESPONSE
FROM MALIK. AT THE MEETING WITH BRIG. MALIK, THE
USAID DIRECTOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF ENTERING INTO A
SERIOUS DIALOGUE WITH THE GOP ON A PROGRAM TO REDUCE
POPPY CULTIVATION THROUGH AN OVERALL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN A LIMITED AREA. THE SECRETARY
AGREED TO DETERMINE HOW THE GOP SHOULD PICK UP THE DIALOGUE.

AT OTHER ECHELONS CONTACT BETWEEN THE MISSION AND
THE GOP CONTINUED UNABATED DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD. DEA
SAICS IN ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI HAD ALMOST DAILY CONTACT
WITH THEIR PNCB AND OTHER GOP AGENCY COUNTERPARTS.
PARTICULAR NOTE WAS A MEETING JANUARY 14, 1975 INCLUDING
THE CHAIRMAN, PNCB, AND MOST OF HIS TOP OFFICERS AND THE
ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI SAICS AT WHICH A VERY FRANK EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON WORKING LEVEL COOPERATION OCCURRED. NARCOTICS
CONTROL OFFICER AND USAID ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC
SERVICES HAVE MAINTAINED FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE PNCB.
USAID CONTACT HAS INCREASED DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN
ORDER TO ASSURE ADEQUATE RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR THE
EQUIPMENT COMING INTO PAKISTAN UNDER AN EARLIER PROGRAM.

G. ENFORCEMENT: ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES DID INCREASE
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH SOME NOTABLE SEIZURES ALTHOUGH IN
CONTEXT OF TOTAL PROBABLE TRAFFIC THE GOP HAS
ONLY SCRATCHED THE SURFACE. MISSION STATISTICS INDICATE
THAT SEIZURES DURING THIS PERIOD TOTALED 5,100 KILOGRAMS
OF HASHISH AND 3,435 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM. STATISTICS WHICH
THE GOP REPORTS TO THE UN AND OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
MAY EXCEED THESE FIGURES BY A SLIGHT MARGIN. MISSION
STATISTICS INCLUDE ONLY SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES WHILE GOP
STATISTICS WOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE VERY SMALL SEIZURES
MADE DURING THIS PERIOD. THEE IS ALSO A STRONG LIKELIHOOD
OF DUPLICATION IN REPORTING OF THE SMALLER SEIZURES BETWEEN
PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. SIGNIFICANT
SEIZURES INCLUDE 155 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM
INTERDICTED BY THE RANGERS NEAR LAHORE IN AUGUST; 165
KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM SEIZED BY THE POLICE IN THE NWFP IN
AUGUST; AND 995 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AND 915 KILOGRAMS OF
HASHISH SEIZED IN OCTOBER BY THE NWFP POLICE IN A FALSE-
BOTTOM TRUCK ENROUTE TO IRAN VIA BALUCHISTAN. THE MAJOR
SEIZURE OF THE YEAR OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER WHEN THE EXCISE
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AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT ACTING ON PRIOR INTELLIGENCE STOPPED A MODIFIED PETROLEUM TANK TRUCK BOUND FOR HYDERABAD IN THE SIND WITH 1,800 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AND 1,500 KILO-GRAMS OF HASHISH. AS HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY TRUE IN THESE CASES, THE COURIERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND HAVE AS YET TO BE TRIED. IN THE PAST FINES AND SENTENCES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LIGHT AND THE PRINCIPALS, FINANCIERS AND MANAGERS, HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED. THE PNCB HAS DRAFTED A LAW WHICH WILL INCREASE BOTH FINES AND SENTENCES AND WHICH WILL INCLUDE A CONSPIRACY CLAUSE PERMITTING THE ARREST OF THOSE SUPPORTING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. THIS LAW WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER, 1974 AND LATER PLACED BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, PNCB OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE TRANSFER OF THEIR AGENCY TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REQUIRED REDRAFTING OF MAJOR PORTIONS OF THE LAW WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO BE PROCLAIMED AS ORDINANCE BEFORE LATE FEBRUARY, 1975.

H. INCOME SUBSTITUTION: THE GOP CONTINUES TO HAVE A NUMBER OF CROPS UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AS POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. SEVERAL OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY USG RESEARCH GRANTS. AS IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD, NO CASH CROPS APPEAR TO DATE TO OFFER ECONOMIC VALUE NEAR OR EQUAL TO THAT OF THE ILLICIT SALES OF RAW OPIUM. DEPENDING UPON CLIMATOLOGICAL FACTORS AND VARYING WORLD/LOCAL FOOD PRICES, THERE ARE CROPS WHICH WILL COMPETE IN CERTAIN YEARS WITH THE LICIT PRODUCTION OF POPPY. THIS PAST YEAR, RUSTICA TOBACCO WAS COMPETITIVE IN SEVERAL REGIONS AND GARDEN CROPS SUCH AS TOMATOES, ONIONS AND CERTAIN VEGETABLES WERE COMPETITIVE IN OTHER AREAS. THE INTRODUCTION OF BURLEY TOBACCO INTO THE SWAT VALLEY BY A TMIICCO COMPANY AND PAYMENTS OF SUBSIDIES AT PREMIUM PRICES FOR THIS PRODUCT WEANED A NUMBER OF POPPY GROWERS AWAY FROM OPIUM. IN SOME AREAS IT IS HOPED THAT ORCHARD AND NUT CROPS MAY DEVELOP AS CASH CROP SUBSTITUTES TO OPIUM POPPIES. HOWEVER, THIS POTENTIAL REMAINS SOME YEARS AWAY AS IT WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE EXPERIMENTATION WITH VARIETIES, DISEASE RESISTENCE AND PEST RESISTENCE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC TYPES APPROPRIATE TO PAKISTAN AND TO ACCLIMATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PLANTS TO THE REGION.

I. TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION: THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO TREATMENT, REHABILITATION OR EDUCATION ON NARCOTICS IN PAKISTAN. IT REMAINS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE GOP AND THE PNCB TO EVENTUALLY SWITCH THE

APPROACH ON INTERNAL USEAGE FROM MAINTENANCE TO
TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. HOWEVER, THIS REMAINS
A FUTURE AIM WITH NO CURRENT ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE.
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